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# MAYOR PAYS TRIBUTE TO COUNCIL PIONEER

## • DEATH OF MR. F. L.

**Mr. F. Lancelot Parsons, who had been a member of the Council for more than 30 years, died on May 27.**

At a Council meeting on June 3, the Mayor of Burnside (Mr. P. R. Claridge) paid tribute to Mr. Parsons.

"This council has suffered a most grievous loss and the people of Burnside have lost one of the outstanding municipalists of the metropolitan area," Mr. Claridge said.

"His long and devoted service to Burnside over a period of 30 years has been of inestimable value to this council and the people of Burnside.

"His wide business experience and understanding of the many and varied problems, which have from time to time been before us, materially

of Wardens for the State of South Australia.

"He filled both offices with great distinction and ability. His dual duties demanded of him a great personal sacrifice.

"The prominent part he took in the organisation and running of our great carnivals in aid of the Burnside War Memorial Hospital was a true example of his outstanding community service.

### 24 years on MTT

"Alderman Parsons was a member of the Board of the Municipal Tramways Trust for 24 years, and held the record for con-

tinuous service as a member of the Board.

"It seems hard to realise we shall see him no more in this chamber, but we shall ever remember him for his lovable and friendly nature.

"We all have, I know, a feeling of thankfulness that he was able to attend the official opening of Newland Park, which was established largely through his efforts, and that he was present at Mr.



Mr. F. L. Parsons

**THE EDITOR**

